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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 25, 2002

SUBJECT: NEPA Determination for Village of Laurelville (Hocking County, OH)
Rehabilitation of Wastewater Treatment Plant

FROM: Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief
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TO: Gene Wojcik *EW*
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The Village of Laurelville is proposing to renovate the Laurelville Wastewater Treatment Facility to correct deficiencies by: 1) rehabilitating the lagoon, sand filters, and electrical components; 2) replacing defective pumps and miscellaneous equipment; and 3) adding an administrative building. Short term impacts from construction will be mitigated using best management practices.

Regulation 40 CFR 6.107 defines categorical exclusions as categories of actions which do not individually, or cumulatively over time, have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, and which have been further identified as having no such effect, based upon the requirements of 40 CFR 6.505.

40 CFR 6.505 identifies specialized categories of actions eligible for exclusion from NEPA requirements, as set forth in either 6.505 or 6.107(d)(1). 40 CFR 6.107(d)(1), in turn, indicates that actions which are solely directed toward minor rehabilitation of existing facilities, functional replacement of existing equipment, or construction of new ancillary facilities adjacent or appurtenant to existing facilities are categorically excluded from the NEPA review process.

The Village of Laurelville project to renovate the Lauerlville Wastewater Treatment Facility clearly constitutes minor rehabilitation of existing facilities and it therefore qualifies as a categorical exclusion.

The EPA contact person for any follow-up questions is Mazin Enwiya. His phone number is (312) 353-8414, and his email address is enwiya.mazin@epa.gov.

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